

Coffee Farmers Elected Conservation Committee At Enterprise Meeting

The Coffee County Agricultural Conservation Association for 1940 was organized at the Enterprise courthouse Saturday, December 30, when delegates who had been elected at community meetings met and elected the following county committee:

Chairman—John H. Clark, Kingston.
Vice—Chairman—Matthew F. McCollough, Elba Rt. 1.
Member—Tip A. Kelley, Jack Route 1.
First Alternate—Lehmon O. Wise, Kingston Rt. 1.
Second Alternate—Erie J. Bryan, Elba Rt. 1.

The following community committees were elected at community meetings on Friday, December 29th:

Community No. 1, Beats 1 and 18—John H. Clark, chairman; William F. Baker, vice-chairman; Jesse T. Wise, member; Nace W. Rhodes, first alternate; Joe C. Nobles, second alternate.
Community No. 2, Beats 2 and 6—Joseph M. Dyess, chairman; John M. Stokes, vice-chairman; Matthew F. McCollough, member; Felia F. Morrow, first alternate; Horace H. Fuller, second alternate.

Community No. 3, Beats 3, 4 and 19—Oscar F. McCollough, chairman; Shirley L. Carpenter, vice-chairman; Luis E. Hachey, member; Will Vaughan, first alternate; Clemon W. Nelson, second alternate.

Community No. 4, Beats 5, 10 and 22—Henry W. Dean, chairman; Jesse A. Dyess, vice-chairman; Elsie A. Wilkes, member; Marvin C. Wilkes, first alternate; Erie J. Bryan, second alternate.

Community No. 5, Beats 7—Joe McKenize, chairman; Ezra B. Smith, vice-chairman; Bertie C. Goodman, member; James P. C. Waters, first alternate; Henry D. Thomas, second alternate.

Community No. 6, Beat 8—William R. Parrish, chairman; Romulus A. Jackson, member; Elsie Ellis, first alternate; Matthew B. Williams, second alternate.

Community No. 7, Beat 9—Jesse A. Wilkes, chairman; Earl E. Mixon, vice-chairman; Jacob D. Gunter, member; Glenn Warren, first alternate; Tyro H. Sawyer, second alternate.

Community No. 8, Beats 10, 11 and 21—Ollis R. Wise, chairman; Jacob A. Walker, vice-chairman; Grady Shiver, member; Thomas L. Helms, first alternate; C. B. Barker, second alternate.

Community No. 9, Beats 13 and 17—Fred W. Walls, chairman; James O. Helms, vice-chairman; Lester Gunter, member; Joseph G. McDaniel, first alternate; Silas W. Crumpler, second alternate.

Community No. 10, Beats 14 and 23—Jesse J. Seaman, chairman; Lehmon O. Wise, vice-chairman; Connie W. Bowden, member; Mathew L. Carnley, first alternate; Edgar Blalock, second alternate.

Community No. 11, Beats 16 and 20—Eugene A. Galt, chairman; John D. Cain, vice-chairman; Ursula B. Hudson, member; John W. Stephens, first alternate; S. I. Parus, second alternate.

The purpose of the Association is to cooperate with the Secretary of Agriculture, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and other agencies of the Department of Agriculture in carrying out provisions of Sec. 7 to 17, inclusive, of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 and such Acts of Congress as the Secretary of Agriculture may designate.

HUGH D. SEXTON,
County Agent.

MISS DOZIER TO HEAD CLUB FOR NEXT YEAR

Mrs. Charles Dozier of Calvary community was elected president of the County Council of Women's Home Demonstration Clubs at a recent meeting held in Elba. Members of her official staff will be: vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Pittman of Keyline Club; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Paul, Double Heads; reporter, Mrs. Joe Saunders, Zion Chapel; parliamentarian, Mrs. Dewey Hattaway of Kingston.

County Chairmen: Southern Rural Problems, Mrs. Homer Jones; M. Pleasant, Live at Home, Mrs. Harper Tillman, Chestnut Grove; Community Activities, Mrs. Shelby Wall, Pleasant Ridge; Farm Bureau, Mrs. Emory Baker, Rhodes; Reaching More Rural Women, Mrs. J. W. Moody, Basin, Brooklyn, Eveready, Keyline, Victoria, Zion Chapel, Pine Level, Reeves, Curtis, Han and Double Heads.

A group of 17 attended the meeting, representing clubs of Calvary, Clintonville, Basin, Kingston, Brooklyn, Eveready, Keyline, Victoria, Zion Chapel, Pine Level, Reeves, Curtis, Han and Double Heads.

An interesting feature of the day's activities was a display of "home-made" gifts. These included linen, candle frills, candles, book ends, and other handcrafted articles.

Council business was dispatched and a Christmas program included a talk by Mrs. George Clark, of the Kingston club, and the singing of carols.

Misses Mathews and Kelley, county home agents, assisted with the meeting.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST ANNOUNCES SERVICES

January 7 marks the first Sunday in the new year. Why not start the year right by attending church? A cordial welcome awaits you at the Church of Christ. Services as follows:

10:00 A. M.—Bible Study.
11:00 A. M.—Preaching and Worship. Subject: "The Christian's Complete Consecration to Service."
7:00 P. M.—Preaching. Subject: "How to Be Strong in the Lord."
JAMES C. DIXON, Minister.

Mr. M. C. Rowe of Dothan was a business visitor to Elba Wednesday.

ATTENDED RAINIER FUNERAL

Among the out-of-town relatives and friends here Tuesday to attend the funeral for Mr. Y. W. Rainer were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rainer and children, Frank, Jr., Young Wood and Martha, of Georgia; Mr. James Rainer, Mobile; Mr. O. S. Rainer, Montgomery; Mr. and Mrs. George Rainer, Troy; Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ford, Dothan; Mrs. Robert Stevenson, Brantley; Mrs. Buddie Black, Brantley; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stevenson, Brantley; Mrs. Helen Stanley, Greenville; Mrs. Lamar Jernigan, Troy; Judge and Mrs. Mike Sells, Ozark; Mrs. P. N. Spann, Mrs. Hugh Spann and Mrs. George Spann, all of Dothan; Mr. and Mrs. Key Murphree, Troy; Mrs. Joe Beall, Brantley; Mrs. Murray Pinckard, Troy; Miss Carrie Pollard, Brantley; Mr. and Mrs. E. Gilchrist, Brantley; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hendrick, Brantley; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Everage, Laverne; Mr. Sam Rainer, Opp; Mr. John Wilkerson, Troy; Mrs. R. S. Boyd, Enterprise; Mr. John Jackson, Opp.

REV. HALL ILL

"Friends in Troy have been notified that Rev. J. J. D. Hall, of 300 Forty-Fifth Street, New York City, recently suffered a slight stroke of paralysis. Mr. Hall is one of the most colorful and forceful characters in the Episcopal ministry, having for years done missionary work as a free-lancer. His principal work in recent years has been in the financial district of New York, where he is familiarly known as the "Bishop of Wall Street." He formerly resided in Troy, where he served as Rector of St. Mark's Church. His many friends throughout this section hope that he will soon recover."

The above from Tuesday's Troy Messenger will be read with regret in Elba, where Mr. Hall is quite well known and where he has visited many times during the past few years.

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Questions, Answers

By E. F. RANDALL, Manager

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Social Security Board

(Editor's Note: This is No. 11

in a series of 12 sets of Questions

most frequently asked. No. 12

will appear next week.)

Q. If a man who reached 65

years of age and has been under

covered employment at part time jobs

for \$20 a month from July, 1938,

to December, 1939, would he be

entitled to monthly benefits if he

retired in January, 1940?

A. Yes, provided he received as

much as \$50 in each of six calendar

months before January 1,

1940.

Q. How much would he receive

each month?

A. He would receive \$10 a

month, although according to the

formula his benefits would figure

up to only \$8 (40 per cent of \$20).

In such cases the benefit is in-

creased to \$10, the lowest amount

which will be paid monthly.

Would his wife age 60 also be en-

titled to \$5 a month, making a total

of \$15 a month for the two?

Q. What would his widow get

if he died after 1940?

A. She would get \$10. Again,

because this is the minimum an-

nual which will be paid

monthly.

Q. What is the maximum an-

nual benefit that a worker

can get under the new law?

A. The maximum benefit which

a retired worker and his family

can receive is \$85 per month.

Q. May a woman who has been

divorced get survivor's benefits?

A. Yes, if she was married to a

man who was insured under the

law at the time of his death.

Q. No. If there has been an

absolute divorce she will receive

nothing because she is not his

wife.

Q. What would the benefits of

an 85 year old father be, if his

bachelor son died at the age of 65

when he was receiving an old-age

benefit of \$50 a month?

A. The father would be entitled

to a benefit of \$25 a month pro-

vided his son was insured under

the law and he was wholly dependent

on the son.

FARMERS TERRACE 233,238

ACRES IN ALABAMA IN 1939

AUBURN, Ala.—Alabama farmers

did a big year's work on land

terraceing in 1939, but in spite of

their progress last year and sev-

eral years before, they have but

a little bit better than one-third

of the job done. J. B. Wilson, ex-

ecutive agricultural engineer of the

Alabama Polytechnic Institute,

announced here today. During

the year, farmers terraceed 233,238

acres of land, according to re-

ports by county agents.

"It might seem that at this rate

all of Alabama's farm land would

soon be terraceed, but of the 8 1/2

million acres now farmed, only

2 1/2 million acres have been ter-

raceed," Wilson said. "While all

of the 6 million acres are being

terraceed, a majority of them do

not need some soil conserva-

tion practices adopted."

In reporting the year's terraceing

work, Wilson recalled the evolu-

tion taking place in terraceing

work. First, there was the hill-

side ditch, laid out by guess and

which simply changed the direc-

tion of the run-off of water.

Next came the narrow ridge ter-

raceing which grew up in wheat and

corn on top of the terrace.

The final stage was the Nichols

terrace or drainage type terrace

which is constructed partly below

the ground surface and laid out

with a variable grade. This ter-

race is now being used successfully

by farmers in every county in the

State, according to Wilson.

"Alabama farmers are making

progress in terraceing their fields,

but they have only a little more

than one-third of the job done. At

the present rate of construction,

and provided terraceing already con-

structed are properly maintained,

it will take 20 to 30 years to com-

plete the terrace job," he said.

"Therefore, it behooves every far-

mer to take all the terraceing his

power will permit in order to pro-

tect his property from erosion and

to have every acre of his land."

A writer on vacation tells of be-

ing invited to a lecture on a tem-

per of (3) subject, to-wit: "Would

General Grant have defeated Rob-

ert E. Lee sooner if he hadn't

been a whiskey drinker?"

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for January 7

Golden Text—Thou art the Christ

Son of the living God—Matthew

16:16.

THE CHRISTIAN'S CONFESSION

OF FAITH

Many outstanding miracles had

been performed by our Lord during

His ministry in Galilee, and now

as that period of His earthly work

draws to a close He went with the

disciples north into the great

heathen center, Caesarea Philippi.

Here He asked them life's greatest

question, "What think ye of the

Christ?" and Peter, blessed of God

for true confession, became the in-

strument for that confession of

Christ upon which He found His

Church. Then there came the

His blessed lips the prophecy of

His death and resurrection which

made it possible for all who believe

to become the sons of God and mem-

bers of His Church.

I. The Question—Who is the Son

of Man? (vs. 13-17).

The question of Christ was general

at first, and in the answer we find

that the people of our Lord's own

day had a very high opinion of

Him. They saw in Him the possi-

bilities of the outstanding char-

acters of their generation. They

knew that He was no ordinary man

because He had a striking im-

pression on His own age, as in-

deed He has on every age of hu-

manhood.

Observe carefully that such a con-

fession of Christ is not sufficient

to make a man a Christian. It is

not enough to acknowledge Him

as the great teacher, the per-

fect example, or the way-shower

to deny His divinity, to take from

Him His place as Son of the living

God. It is to make of Him an im-

poster and a fraud.

The personal question which fol-

lows, "Whom say ye that I am?"

is the supremely important ques-

tion from which no man can escape.

Neutrality is impossible. Whatever

we do or fail to do declares our

position. "What think ye of Christ?"

is the question which determines

the character, conduct and destiny

of the soul.

Peter by the grace of God had

come to the place where he recog-

nized the one with whom he was

having blessed fellowship in service

as the Messiah, the Anointed One

of the Son of the living God. We

too should be so responsive to the

guidance and control of the Holy

Spirit that He may be able to teach

us spiritual truth, which leads and

can never reveal.

II. The Church—Its True Founda-

tion (vs. 18-22).

The Church, the Son of the living

God is built. The foundation by

which the Church is built is the

question of Christ, "Whom say ye

that I am?" and hence, clearly re-

lates to Christ, not to Peter, or to

anything in Peter's personality. He

was indeed blessed in his con-

fession of Christ, but it is Christ who

is the rock upon which the power-

ful and glorious Church is founded.

